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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 623

House of Representatives, March 21, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Mitchell from Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of the Good Samaritan Home Association,
Bangor.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of twelve hundred dollars to be paid to the Good Sama-
3 ritan Home Association of Bangor for the use of said insti-
4 tution for the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, and twelve
5 hundred dollars for the year nineteen hundred and fourteen,
6 for maintenance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The institution now known as the Good Samaritan Home Association of Bangor, was organized in 1902, and was incorporated under the laws of Maine the same year. Funds were contributed by charitable and benevolent individuals and by various societies of Bangor, and in May, 1902, a small two-story, eight room house, located at 96 Larkin Street, was purchased at a cost of \$1800, and the work of protection and relief of young girls, and their physical, mental and moral betterment was begun. For four years the work was supported entirely by the citizens of Bangor, although its sphere was not confined to this locality.

The work had now increased to such proportions that the building occupied was entirely inadequate to meet its demands. For this reason, and also that its field of usefulness might be extended to include destitute and needy children, it became necessary to secure a larger house. Therefore the house then occupied was sold for \$2000 and the one which we now occupy, at 105 Third Street, was purchased at a cost of \$4000, we paying the amount down received from the sale of the Larkin Street property and placing a mortgage of the property for the balance. Again the additional expense incurred was met by the generosity of friends who contributed funds and raised this mortgage, leaving the association free from debt.

In 1905 application to the State was made for aid, setting forth in the plea that the work is not local in its area but open to those from all sections of the State, and \$600 a year for two years was appropriated. This amount was again granted two years later. Four years later this amount was increased to \$1200 a year, and this amount has been appropriated every year since that time.

Three years ago, owing to the increasing needs of the work, it became necessary to enlarge and increase the house. A mortgage of \$2000 was again placed on the property and such alterations and repairs as were absolutely necessary, and the cost of which could be covered by that amount, were made. Six hundred dollars was paid on this mortgage the past year, leaving a balance of \$1400 still unpaid.

No debt has ever been incurred by this Association excepting in these two instances cited, it being the established policy to incur no indebtedness beyond the ability to pay. Because of this policy many improvements and repairs which seemed necessary were left undone when the amount of funds raised by the mortgage was exhausted.

This Association now asks the State for such an appropriation as will enable it to either complete these repairs and enlarge the present house, or assist in securing a larger one.

There has been expended on the buildings \$2000. Present value of property, \$5000, with mortgage thereon of \$1400. Cash on hand January 1, 1913, \$900. One small legacy of \$100 has been received which has been made the nucleus of an Endowment Fund. One other has been awarded the Association by the courts, as under the provisions of a will property valued at eight or ten thousand dollars was left to unspecified charitable institutions doing most for the relief of suffering humanity. This amount the courts decided should be divided equally between this institution and one other.

During the past two years forty girls, the youngest of whom was twelve, have here found care and shelter, and many worthy cases have been refused admission because of lack of room. Of this number, three have come from Bangor, from Old Town one, Sangerville one, Bradley one, Patten one, Fort Kent one, Passadumkeag one, Stetson one, Caribou three, Houlton four, Milo two, Brunswick one, Cooper one, Monticello one, Brownville two, Millinocket one, Hudson one, Pittsfield one, Bar Harbor two, Presque Isle two, Northeast Harbor one, Orono one, Clifton one, Chesterville one, New Vineyard one, Madison one, Aurora one, Amherst one, and Greenfield one.

Eighty-one children have been inmates of the institution during that period. These have come from all parts of the State—Rockland, Lewiston, Newport, Kineo, Calais, Milo, Houlton, Cranberry Isles, etc. These children are almost entirely of legitimate birth, placed in this institution for various reasons: some sent here by the Overseers of the Poor, some by the Humane Society, some by the City Missionary, and others by physicians, and often by mothers left with the support of the family that they may go out to their employment, and others by men whose wives have died leaving infants or small children.

The average number of inmates is thirty-five. The work is wholly non-sectarian in its management and methods. It is largely a work of charity. It is not local in its working area. It is worthy, it is financially needy. We believe that it is a work which appeals to all who are interested in the welfare and social betterment of the State—a much needed work—a work with far-reaching results and great possibilities, and this appropriation is asked for in the hope and belief that we may be increasingly successful in prosecuting it.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOME ASSOCIATION,

By GERTRUDE P. ATWOOD, Secretary.